



2013 Special Events & Programs

January

5 Join the Continental Army

11 a.m. | Visitor Center

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8 Friends of Valley Forge Park Speaker Series

7 p.m. | Washington Memorial Chapel

Joseph Becton – Retired Supervisor, Independence National Historical Park

"African Americans at the Valley Forge Encampment: From Washington's Headquarters to the Outer Line of Defense" Learn about some of the hundreds of African American men – and women – who served with the Continental Army during the Valley Forge winter.



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21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Sign-in at 8:30 a.m.

Make it a day on, Not a day off! Initiated by Congress in 1994, [King Day of Service](#) builds on his legacy by transforming the federal holiday honoring Dr. King into a national day of community service grounded in his teachings of nonviolence and social justice. The aim is to make the holiday a day ON, where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to improve lives, bridge social barriers, and move our nation closer to the "Beloved Community" that Dr. King envisioned. Hundreds of volunteers each year participate in this event at Valley Forge.



Sign up to volunteer! Contact Ernestine White, park wide Volunteer Program Manager, 610-783-1029 or Ernestine_White@nps.gov

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Daniel K. Richter – Historian, educator, author

"Native Americans in the American Revolution"

Discover why most Native Americans allied themselves with the British against the United States during the American Revolution—and what it cost them.



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15-17 101st Annual Boy Scouts of America Pilgrimage and Encampment ●●

Members of the Boy Scouts of America participate in the oldest continuous scouting event in the world. The Valley Forge Pilgrimage and Encampment includes a weekend of camping, hiking, and educational activities that focus on a specific theme of the American Revolution. This year's theme is *Women of the Revolution*. Advanced registration for this event is required. Please contact your BSA representative or visit the [BSA Cradle of Liberty Council](#) online.

18 Washington's Birthday Party ●●

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Visitor Center

Did you know that the first public celebration of [Washington's birthday](#) was at Valley Forge in 1778? Celebrate His Excellency's birthday with music, crafts, and of course, cake! Meet General and Mrs. Washington, try on 18th century clothing and *Join the Continental Army*. Troops will receive a special inspection from General Washington.

March

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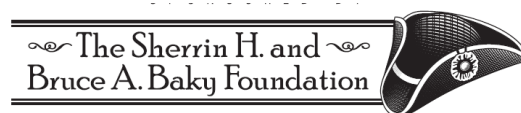
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Kim Hanley, re-enactor, historian, motivational speaker, shares her first-person interpretation on "Abigail Adams: Founding Mother, Patriot, Wife and Political Advisor." A conversation with "Dear Abigail," an astute wife and mother, guaranteed to provide insight into the concerns of 18th century Americans, as well as those of the 21st century.



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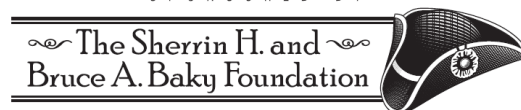
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2 Friends of Valley Forge Park Speaker Series

7 p.m. | Washington Memorial Chapel

Thomas B. Allen – Author and historian
"America's First Civil War"

The American Revolution was a civil war, one that tore families, friends, and communities apart. Thousands of Americans fought on the British side—and paid the price after the war.



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April

April 20 - 28: National Park Week

21 Valley Forge Revolutionary 5-Mile Run™

Prepare. Prevail. Preserve! Sign up for this challenging race that winds through scenic Valley Forge National Park. The 8th annual [USA Track and Field](#) sanctioned race is the only race that directly supports Valley Forge National Park, its trails and programs. The event also includes a 3-mile walk and 1.776 km youth fun run. Registration will open in [2013](#).



27 National Junior Ranger Day

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Begin at the Visitor Center

During National Park Week national parks across the nation will honor and welcome new Junior Rangers. Spend the day in your local national park and earn your [Junior Ranger](#) badge! Take part in hands on activities, games, hikes and more!



May

7 Friends of Valley Forge Park Speaker Series

7 p.m. | Washington Memorial Chapel
Tom Lingenfelter – Historian, collector
"Eighteenth Century Documents"

A dealer in rare historical documents and artifacts shares the stories behind some of his American treasures, including an anastatic facsimile of our Declaration of Independence.



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15 Home School Day

Home School students are invited to visit Valley Forge for a unique educational experience. Multiple learning stations encourage students to explore topics such as: 18th Century Life, the American Revolution, and natural resources. Our park rangers and dedicated volunteers bring education to life through special programs and hands-on activities designed for school-aged children. [Reservations are required](#) for this program and must be made by Friday, May 10.

June

1 National Trails Day®

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Betzwood Picnic Area

Valley Forge NHP will host a Trails Fair in celebration of American Hiking Society's annual [National Trails Day®](#). This annual event is a long-standing celebration of America's magnificent trail systems and its countless supporters and volunteers and is an open invitation to all Americans to get outside and connect with local hiking clubs, community groups, and state and national parks. Join a guided hike, visit the environmental expo, and sign up as a volunteer to help with trail maintenance. Volunteer projects for the day include removing invasive plants along the trail corridor and cleaning up litter along park trails.

Contact Ernestine White, park wide Volunteer Program Manager, to find out how you can volunteer! 610-783-1029 or Ernestine_white@nps.gov





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June

15 Annual March Out of the Continental Army Commemoration

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Artillery Park

On June 19, 1778, George Washington's Continental Army "marched out" of the Valley Forge encampment, having endured six months of challenging hardships. Yet positive changes also took place during the winter encampment, and the army was larger and more unified than before as they pursued the British Army who had evacuated Philadelphia. Each year Valley Forge NHP commemorates the departure of the army, and this year's event offers visitors a special opportunity. Participate in the soldiers' march beginning at Artillery Park and experience interpretive programs and living history demonstrations along the historic trace road that the army used to depart their winter encampment.

July

4 Community Picnic in the Park

11a.m. - 3 p.m. | Visitor Center and Muhlenberg Brigade Huts

Celebrate our nation's independence with artillery demonstrations, historical games, an All-American cook-out, music, and more! Meet one of the founding fathers and sign the Declaration of Independence. Learn about the meaning of the American Flag and the pivotal role the Valley Forge encampment played in securing our freedom from Great Britain.

September

28 National Public Lands Day

Sign-in at 8:45 a.m. | Visitor Center Lower Parking Lot

Helping Hands for America's Lands, National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy.

During this yearly event, Americans work together to restore and connect with public lands through service projects and outdoor recreation. The efforts of hundreds of thousands of volunteers results in meaningful, positive impacts on communities, health as well as restoration efforts on lands around the nation. This is a rain or shine event.

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National Public Lands Day
A National Environmental Education Foundation Program

October

1 Friends of Valley Forge Park Speaker Series

7 p.m. | Washington Memorial Chapel

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11 Veterans Day

11 a.m. | National Memorial Arch

Valley Forge National Historical Park invites you to join us at the National Memorial Arch for a special commemoration ceremony for all of [America's Veterans](#). As the birthplace of the American Army, we remember and thank the brave men and women who served and are serving our country. Reception to follow in the Education Center.

Nov 29 - Dec 1 Holiday Trolley Tours

11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Hop aboard an [old-fashioned trolley](#) and enjoy a 90-minute guided tour of Valley Forge. Tours depart from the front of the Visitor Center and make extended stops at the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts and Washington's Headquarters.

Tour Prices:

\$16: Adults, \$13: Students, seniors (62 & over) and active military, \$8: Children (11 & under)

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December

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19 Annual March In of the Continental Army Commemoration

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Visitor Center

On December 19, 1777 General George Washington's Continental Army "[marched in](#)" to Valley Forge to set up winter quarters. This annual event commemorates their arrival and determination to persevere against insurmountable hardship and difficult conditions during their 6-month encampment. Join us this December 19th and experience an evening in Valley Forge. Take a candle-lit guided walk to the Muhlenberg Brigade huts where you'll encounter a living continental camp. Warm up in the Visitor Center with 18th century music, refreshments, and more.

26-30 Holiday Trolley Tours

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